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# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

### NEWS RELEASE



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#### **SOUTHEAST ALASKA DRIFT GILLNET FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT**

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today the opening of the Southeast Alaska drift gillnet fishery, during the times and in the areas listed below, beginning on Sunday, **August 12, 2012**.

Section 1-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 12, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 16**, with the following restriction:

Pearse and Portland Canals: will be closed north of the latitude of Akeku Point located at the southern entrance of Edwards Passage.

District 6: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 12, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 15**, with the following restrictions:

Section 6-D: will be closed;

Salmon Bay: **normal markers**.

District 8: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Sunday, August 12, through 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 15**, with the following restrictions:

Stikine River: waters off the Stikine River will be closed north and west of a line from Babbler Point to Hour Point along the shore of Wrangell Island to Point Highfield to the southern end of Liesnoi Island to the southern end of Greys Island to the small island near the eastern entrance of Blind Slough to the nearest point of Mitkof Island, and south and east of a line from the prominent point of Mitkof Island nearest Coney Island to the northern end of Coney Island to a point 500 yards north of Jap Creek on the mainland shore;

Beacon Point/Point Frederick Area: waters of Frederick Sound will be closed west of a line from the District 10 boundary one nautical mile off the Kupreanof Island shoreline to Sukoi Island Light to Point Frederick;

Kunk Creek: **normal markers**.

Section 11-B: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 13, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 16**, with the following restrictions:

Port Snettisham: waters of Port Snettisham will be closed east of a line from Point Styleman at **57°58.42' N. latitude, 133°53.93' W. longitude** to Point Anmer at **57°56.07' N. latitude, 133°51.05' W. longitude**;

Limestone Inlet: **will be closed.**

Section 11-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 13, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 16.**

Section 15-A: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 13, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 16**, in the waters of Lynn Canal south of the latitude of Seduction Point and in the waters of Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets south of the terminus of the Chilkoot River.

**Section 15-A: will also be open from 12:01 p.m., Monday, August 13 through 12:00 noon, Friday, August 17, in the waters of Chilkoot and Lutak Inlets north of the latitude of Mud Bay Point at 59°09.05' N. latitude, to the terminus of the Chilkoot River.**

Section 15-C: will be open from **12:01 p.m., Monday, August 13, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 16**, with the following restriction:

Endicott River: Section 15-C will be closed within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of **Lance Point at 58°43.95' N. latitude**, north to a point within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal at the latitude of Point Sherman.

Section 15-C: waters of the Boat Harbor Terminal Harvest Area (THA) will be open until further notice within two nautical miles of the western shoreline of Lynn Canal from the latitude of **Lance Point at 58°43.95' N. latitude**, south to a point 2.4 nautical miles north of Point Whidbey at 58°36.96' N. latitude.

**Due to the Golden North Salmon Derby, D-11 and D-15 gillnet openings will be delayed until Monday, August 13.**

Fishermen are advised that the Department has begun receiving Speel Lake sockeye salmon weir counts from Douglas Island Pink and Chum Salmon Inc. These counts will be closely monitored and will determine when extended fishing time will be granted in Speel Arm. The Department will provide a minimum of 6 hours notice before extending openings in Speel Arm north of Sharp Point to target Snettisham Hatchery sockeye salmon.

King salmon less than 28" that are harvested in the commercial drift gillnet fisheries may be retained and sold. King salmon less than 28" in length, and those of Alaska hatchery origin, will not be counted against the Alaskan allocation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty harvest. The department is discontinuing the use of species code 411 beginning in 2012 to account for small king salmon in drift gillnet fisheries and instead will rely on ADF&G port sampling programs for that purpose. For drift gillnet fisheries, only species code 410 should be used to report king salmon of all sizes. Fish and Game samplers working at the processing facilities will also identify hatchery-reared king salmon so those fish are not counted against the Alaskan share of the harvest.

The emergency order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S6412.

Southeast Alaska Drift Gillnet Harvest Estimates  
Statistical Week 32 (August 5 through 11)  
Preliminary Estimates Compiled August 9, 2012

District	NUMBER OF SALMON						Days	
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats	Open
Section 1-B	30	3,000	4,000	40,000	9,000	56,030	40	5
District 6	30	1,800	5,000	43,000	7,000	56,830	50	3
District 8	20	200	500	2,000	6,000	8,720	25	3
District 11	10	23,000	700	45,000	11,000	79,710	75	3
District 15	90	9,600	110	22,500	12,200	44,500	60	3
Deep Inlet THA	60	60	20	5,000	8,500	13,640	21	3
Total	240	37,660	10,330	157,500	53,700	259,430		

District	FISH PER BOAT FOR THE PERIOD					
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
Section 1-B	1	75	100	1,000	225	1,401
District 6	1	36	100	860	140	1,137
District 8	1	8	20	80	240	349
District 11	0	307	9	600	147	1,063
District 15	2	160	2	375	203	742
Deep Inlet THA	3	3	1	238	405	650

District 15: harvest numbers are for 3 days of fishing.

Anita Bay THA: 3,500 kings and 95,000 chums harvested to date.

Nakat Inlet THA: 400,000 chums harvested to date.

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